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For: SPEAKER APPARATUS AND)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF)	

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. The listed documents were previously cited in the copending parent Application No. 09/046,605, filed on March 24, 1998, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not required to be provided.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 form.

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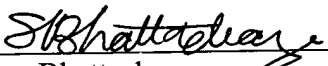
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